UNITED STATES OF AMERICA UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
Plaintiff,)	Case No. 1:11-cr-00056
v.)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
)	
EDWARD DUSHAUN BAKER,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to W.D. MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1, I conducted a plea hearing in the captioned case on May 12, 2011, after receiving the written consent of defendant and all counsel. At the hearing, defendant Edward Dushaun Baker entered a plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the Indictment, and admitted to the Information and Notice of Prior Felony Drug Conviction, in exchange for the undertakings made by the government in the written plea agreement. Count 1 charges the defendant with being a felon in possession of firearms, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(g)(1) and 924(a)(2). Count 2 charges the defendant with possession with intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of §§ 841(a)(1) and 841(b)(1)(D). On the basis of the record made at the hearing, I find that defendant is fully capable and competent to enter an informed plea; that the plea is made knowingly and with full understanding of each of the rights waived by defendant; that it is made voluntarily and free from any force, threats, or promises, apart from the promises in the plea

agreement; that the defendant understands the nature of the charge and penalties provided by law;

and that the plea has a sufficient basis in fact.

I therefore recommend that defendant's plea of guilty to Counts 1 and 2 of the

Indictment and the Information and Notice of Prior Felony Drug Conviction be accepted, that the

court adjudicate defendant guilty, and that the written plea agreement be considered for acceptance

at the time of sentencing. Acceptance of the plea, adjudication of guilt, acceptance of the plea

agreement, and imposition of sentence are specifically reserved for the district judge.

Date: May 12, 2011

/s/ Ellen S. Carmody

ELLEN S. CARMODY

United States Magistrate Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES

You have the right to <u>de novo</u> review of the foregoing findings by the district judge.

Any application for review must be in writing, must specify the portions of the findings or proceedings objected to, and must be filed and served no later than 14 days after the plea hearing. See W.D.

MICH. L.CR.R. 11.1(d).

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